

Officer faces sex charge

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OAKLAND — An Oakland police officer will appear in Municipal Court on Nov. 1 on misdemeanor charges stemming from an encounter with a 15-year-old prostitute he arrested and later had sex with, authorities said Tuesday.

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Officer Lorenzo Delrosario, 37, was arrested when he came to work Saturday night on a warrant charging him with indecent exposure and soliciting an act of prostitution. The indecent exposure charge was filed because he allegedly made the girl, a Sacramento resident who said

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involves 14-year-old girl

girl about 4 a.m. Oct. 2 trying to flag down cars — a common ploy of prostitutes — in the 3500 block of San Pablo Avenue, an area known for prostitution activity.

Police said Delrosario questioned the girl, had her lift her blouse, and then arrested her for illegally directing traffic.

At the Oakland City Jail she gave a false name and age.

She has no local record, so there was no way to verify her information, so she was given a future court date and released.

Investigators say that before taking her to jail the officer gave the woman his pager number and told her to page him when

she was released so he could meet her after he got off duty.

They then went to a motel and had sex for which the officer allegedly paid \$80.

He then dropped her off near where she was arrested.

About a week later, Oakland police were contacted by Sacramento authorities who had arrested the girl in a prostitution sting. Sacramento authorities gave Oakland police her true name and age and relayed what the girl had said about her encounter with Delrosario.

Oakland police then interviewed the girl at least twice and got enough evidence to get an arrest warrant for Delrosario.

She was 18, lift her blouse to see if she was wearing a recording device before he arrested her, authorities said.

Delrosario, who has been with the department more than four years, is also under investigation by the Oakland Police Department's Professional Standards Section. He has been on paid administrative leave since his arrest and release.

Delrosario's attorney, Mike Rains, said his client did arrest the girl but steadfastly denies any wrongdoing either on duty or off duty with her.

Police said Delrosario saw